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Municipal leaders score solid approval ratings from City Council

Edmonton, March 25, 2008 – City Council today completed its annual performance review for City Manager Al Maurer and City Auditor David Wiun.

The City Manager and City Auditor are the only employees who report directly to City Council. The review was facilitated by the independent consultant Conroy Ross Partners.

The City Auditor was awarded a five per cent performance bonus, the maximum allowed in his current employment arrangement. The City Manager's contract does not include the option of bonuses.

Conroy Ross Partners also compared the salaries of both positions to market rates and found that the City Manager's remuneration was on par with similar positions. The City Auditor's compensation was not found to be competitive. Council voted to increase the position's salary from $147,000 to $180,000 effective January 2008, but removed the option of performance bonuses.

The City Manager leads more than 8,000 employees who deliver city-wide services such as roads, public transportation, waste management, parks, recreation facilities and drainage. With Edmonton's rapid growth, Al Maurer is focusing on realigning his staff to respond to change and bring record numbers of capital construction projects on stream.

The City Auditor is responsible for all internal auditing activities for City departments and agencies. The reviews conducted by his Office provide independent analysis and assurance that operations are efficient, effective and economical. His team brings forward recommendations to improve program performance and ensure the responsible use of resources. The Office of the City Auditor Annual Report will be released next month.

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